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Broken Threads.

As the brittle vanity dies
like a dead leaf before the eyes,
Blew with its fingers light
Warp and woe, till they were
In a fabric good and strong,
Let us hear the weaver's song.

Weaving ever, day by day,
As the shuttle briskly play,
Broken threads how oft annoy
And our precious time employ;
Warning us—by sharp repeat—
We must watch the warp and woof.

Warping ends its busy loom—
Nimble shuttle, like the gossamer,
Till life's fabric has an end;

Broken threads we often find
Enduring the needle mind.

Broken threads to life about—
In each station they are found;

May faith's hand and friendly hand
Help us to avert the strand,

That when life's last tide shall ebb
There shall be a perfect web.

—Selected.

Island Correspondence.

Mart, November, 1868.

MR. EDITOR.—One of the most pleasurable emotions that stir the human heart is undoubtedly experienced by most people when returning after a prolonged absence to their homes and domestic penates, their accustomed duties, their wonted habits, their cherished pleasures and enjoyments of former days. So to use the Homeric style the scarcely fledged bird returns to the nest that sheltered him in cold and storm with joyous twitter. Such also unluckily the feelings that accelerated the pulse of my esteemed friend C. C. Harris, when after strenuous exertions to annex the United States of America to these realms of the ocean, he returned to the sunny nest that feathered him. Ah me! (Brown, hand me the sugar water) how very pleasant it is for your correspondent, after so long an absence in foreign lands, to once more return to the old familiar corner on the pages of the *Commercial Advertiser*, that truthful chronicler of the frivolous as well as the momentous events that make up the history of these Islands. Among the many blessings and advantages which these Islands possess over so many other countries, is not the least the immunity with which a newspaper correspondent may absent himself for a length of time from his post without having deprived his readers of a single graphic description of this horrible murder, or that strange and mysterious disappearance of a young lady in blue?"

I believe that it is scarcely possible to find in the wide world a counterpart to Maui, where the lives of its inhabitants pass from the cradle to the grave in such eventless tranquillity. A hard country for the correspondent of a sensation paper, but rather a pleasant one for a correspondent who dreamily drifts along on the tranquil tide, and occasionally sends a letter to the *Commercial Advertiser*, that has done and is doing so much to bring the beauty and advantages of these peaceful Islands to the notice of the world.

Improvements.

Coming from Honolulu in the good old steamer, the returning absentee greets with a pleasant recognition at the early dawn of day the old familiar sunbeam light on the crumpling wharf at Lahaina. Nearly extinguished for the want of oil, the "red eyes" blink and bob, and bob and blink through the misty gloom at the steamer rising and sinking upon the heaving sea. But soon daylight appears, and Lahaina lies stretched out before us in all its loveliness, one of the most picturesque views, almost unchanged. I am almost, because many houses have disappeared from view, hidden by shady trees that have spread their foliage since last we looked on Lahaina from the sea. After a few hours' delay we glide along upon the smooth sea close under the sheltering shore of West Maui, and soon come to McGregor's Landing. This is a great improvement indeed over the former landing in the stormy bay, where the wind, as soon as you round the point, whistles in most discordant sounds through the shrouds of the vessel, and the passengers, that were brought to the shore in boats by the utmost exertions of the oarsmen, were seldom exempt from a good wetting from salt water spray, to the detriment of many a bonnet or treasured shawl. The Minister of the Interior deserves much credit for the establishment of this new and comfortable landing place, and more still, if small houses furnished with a few settees and chairs, could be erected at the different landings, and especially at such where the steamer touches during the night. The expenses could not be very great, but the keeping public, and especially such as live many miles distant from such landings, would be greatly benefited.

There is even a change perceptible in the aspect of the sandy desert of Kalaupapa, though perhaps seldom noted by the careless voyager. Here stands the store and residence of J. H. Halestad, Esq., a prominent but almost lonely landlord (the residence, not the Esquire) in the sea of sand, where the winds are busy at work almost every day of the year, piling up the glittering sand in one place in fantastic shapes and most strange architectural designs, to carry at another time the whole fabric to some other spot, as if dissociated with the achievement of their labor.

In looking up towards the knobby ascent of Haleakala, the eye encounters upon a broad promontory a new structure, whose whiteness is doubtless lit up by the flood of light thrown on it by the afternoon's sun, and whose massive up, high above the clouds, announces the passing voyager upon the seas below that all on earth are verging to the unknown shores of another land. The structure is the Mausoleum of Ulapakua, chiseled in its proportions, a gem of architectural design, and built in the mountain's side, where the sweet sleepers may rest after their labors in undisturbed quietness, while the white wharps around the green mountain side, and the breaking surf sends up its deep-toned side.

The Weather.

Has been for the last month as changeable as change can be.

In months wherein in former years, the sugar-mills ground their rich harvests, and the faithful teams toiled from morning till night through the dust of roads, whose upper surface had been ground to the finest perceptible powder, heavy, unceasing, odd and disagreeable rains have this year closed the doors of sugar-houses for weeks on a stretch. Storms have made their appearance at untimely times and swept furious over parts of the island, breaking down the heavier growth of cane and despolishing many a cherished tree of its load of beauty; but as day follows night, and light darkness, so the dark clouds have sped onward on their silent missions, the skies are clear, the moon and stars out more than brightly, and the sun glides in his most glorious effulgence beneath the horizon, after having shed beneficent warmth over mountain heights and plains.

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